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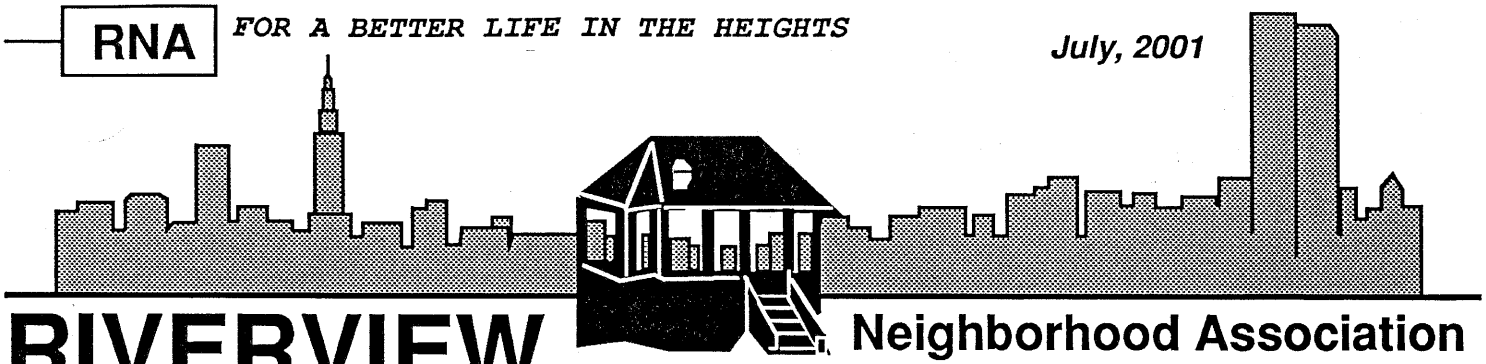

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CONGRATULATIONS!

RNA extends its well wishes to the newly elected **Mayor Glenn Cunningham, Ward D Councilman Bill Gaughan, Ward C Councilman Steve Lipsky, Council-at-Large Harvey Smith, Mariano Vega** and **and Jerry Healy**. We stand ready to work with you for the betterment of our Heights community and the City.

A special thanks to **Council President Tom DeGise** and **Councilman Arnold Bettinger** for their work in the Heights.

savethepalisades.org

This is the name of a new website recently setup for local Heights news. As a voice in our community, *savethepalisades.org*, is dedicated to the preservation of our Palisades cliff. That means protecting its open space, broad vistas, natural environent and embracing the distinctive character of our neighborhoods through historic preservation.

Visit the site for information about the following items: the names and meeting times of the various neighborhood associations in our area; events and activities in Riverview-Fisk Park; news about the latest community issues; the newly enacted steep slope ordinance, know as the Palisades Preservation Overlay District; the campaign to preserve Holland Street as a cobblestoned road and lots of great pictures old and new.

To receive notices about upcoming events, join their e-mail list by sending your name and e-mail address to: *info@savethe palisades.org.*

communityupdates

Heights residents should be aware of the following current local issues that will be affected as the new Cunningham administration establishes its policies.

The protections of the **Palisades Preservation Overlay District** (aka Steep Slope Ordinance) are in danger of being lost because of a lawsuit filed against the City by a developer who is attempting to have the entire new zoning ordinance thrown out. In the meantime, the local residents have met with Planning officials to lobby for amending the Steep Slope Ordinance for better safeguards. As soon as these amendments are refined they will be presented to the community for review and approval.

The **New Neighborhood Study** is still pending. This was an attempt by the prior administration to create another redevelopment zone - this time involving the Palisade cliffs and the land below the cliffs from Hoboken Avenue north to the base of Riverview-Fisk Park. The Planning Department postponed this study in the spring unitl the Steep Slope Ordinance was in place but it will probably be resumed in the fall.

Of immediate concern is the **Gateway I** project in Hoboken - which will consist of two 17-story structures. It will be a mixed use development located at Marshall and First Streets - just across the Paterson Plank railroad tracks. On June 19th, the Hoboken Board of Adjustment granted the developers final subdivision approvals, along with numerous variances to accomodate the project. The project as presently approved will rise 50 -70 feet above the cliffs. Residents have reached out to Hoboken officials to review this project.

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HAVE A SAFE AND FUN
SUMMER in
OUR PUBLIC PARKS
but
REMEMBER TO CLEAN UP
WHEN YOU LEAVE
for THE NEXT PERSON!

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!
Come to the next RNA Meeting
on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 PM

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COMING EVENTS:

RNA MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, July 10th, 7 PM
LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CTR

* Update on local issues and concerns
* Discussion about new City administration
* Discussion of Summer Activities
* Police NTF Report / NID Update

MUSIC IN THE PARK

THE GABEZO CONCERT SERIES
August 22nd, 6:00 PM
Riverview-Fisk Park Pavilion

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

The renowned Hudson Shakespeare Company will present the following productions in Riverview-Fisk Park this summer:

HAMLET: Thursday, July 26th
RICHARD III: Wednesday, Aug. 15th

The plays will begin at 7:00 PM and take place in the center of the Park around the garden quadrant. Bring your own chairs or blankets and some refreshments.

Their recent production of MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR on June 28th was a great success and well attended by young and old.

For more information about their schedule, call (201) 865-1436 or visit their website at:*commmunity.nj.com\cc\HudsonShakespeare.*